

# A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSLATING A STATIC IDENTIFIER INTO A DYNAMICALLY ASSIGNED NETWORK ADDRESS

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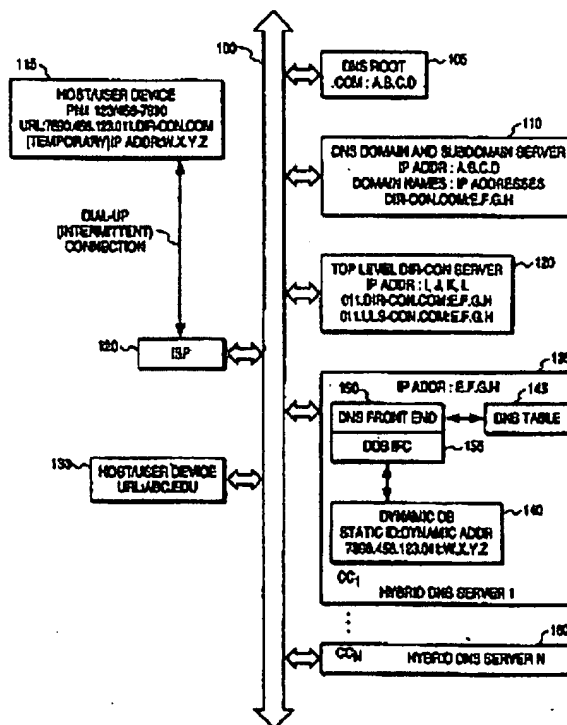
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## Abstract of WO9918515

According to one method of the present invention, a dynamic database address is used to access a dynamic database (140). A static identifier corresponding to the device (115) to be contacted is provided, and the appropriate dynamically assigned network address corresponding to that address is returned. A system of the present invention includes a network (100), an intermittently connected device (115), and a dynamic database server (135). The device has a static identifier and an assigned network address. The dynamic database server (135) stores the static identifier and the assigned network address when the intermittently connected device (115) sends a log on request to the database server (135). Another system includes a processor (205) and a memory (230) containing a dynamic database program (140) and a name server interface program (150). The name server interface program (150) passes request to resolve machine names including static identifiers to the dynamic database program (140).



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